

Minutes: State Collaborative for System of Care

CHAIRPERSONS: Joel Rosch and Pat Solomon

LOCATION: North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute

DATE: August 9, 2002

START TIME: 8:30 a .m.

END TIME: 10:30 a.m.

NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I		Joann Haggerty, CAI		Stephanie Nantz, GCC	
Austin Connors, CFSA-NC		JoAnn Lamm, DSS		Steve Shore, NCPS	
Beth Melcher, NCAMI		Joel Rosch, CCFP	X	Susan Coleman, WCH	
Beverly Hester, WCH	X	John R. Hayes, F.United		Susan Robinson, DMH-CF	
Brad Trotter, DHOH-DMH		John Tote, MHA		Susan Whitten, DJJDP	X
Carol Duncan-Clayton, CCP		Kirstin Frescoln, AOC	X	Tara Larson, DMH/DD/SA	
Carol Robertson, DMA		Lana Dial, AOC		William Hussey, MHPC	
Carol Tant, WCHS		Larry Hayes, DJJDP			
Carolyn Wiser, DMA		Lee Lewis, DMH-SA	X		
Cheryl Waller, CSHS		Linda Gunn-Jones, DMH		OTHERS:	
Chuck Harris, DSS		Linda Swann, NAMI		Alicia Graham	
Connie Hawkins, ECAC		Lynda Richard, DMH-DD		Antonio Coors	
David Horowitz, TPC		Mark Ezzell, GCC		Barbara Thomas, DMH	
Diann Irwin, DPI	X	Mark O'Donnell, DMH/CF		Joy Gossett, DSS	
Don Herring, DMH-CFS	X	Martin Pharr, DJJDP		Dr. Richard Visingardi	
Donn Hargrove, DJJDP		Michael Owens, NCCCP	X	Miriam Saxon AOC	
Elizabeth Brown, DMH		Michael Schweitzer, DJJDP		Karen Taylor-George DOC	
Jan Hood, AOC		Michelle Zechmann, GCC		Virginia Pirrella	X
Jane Volland, GAL		Pat Solomon, F.United	X		
Jennifer Mahan, MHANC	X	Robin Huffman, NCPA			
Jennifer Sullivan, NASW		Sally Cameron, NCPA			
Judy Ritchie, MHA		Sandra Sink, DSS	X		
Joan DeBruyn, DMH		Stephanie Alexander, DMH			

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	ACTION by Whom and When
(1) Welcome & Introductions (2) Approval of Minutes	Joel Rosch opened meeting. Everyone introduced themselves. Minutes were approved with some minor corrections..	
(3) Presentations CUACS (Don Herring)	Don Herring summarized the CUACS report about Community Collaboratives. Overall the report found that most collaboratives are functioning on some basic level. Need for additional funding and extensive training were two of the major findings. MHA has developed a very thorough training plan which will go to the Training Subcommittee. The report has been sent to local community collaboratives and Don will get it to the TA staff who will help local mental health agencies develop their business plans. Joel will review and, perhaps, revise the Executive Summary in order to distribute information to members of community collaboratives who are from agencies other than mental health. Don will write an additional document that tells about the continued emphasis on community collaboratives in the business plans as well as the relevant and meaningful role that representatives in other agencies will play under the new plan, and that	

	will link to parts of the actual State Plan.	
4) Collaborative Standing Committees Update Assessment Training Evaluation	<p>Assessment: They are meeting, working, and gathering assessment information. They need a representative for DPI. At the last meeting family members gave the perspective of what it is like to be on the receiving end of assessments. They also discussed the "Making Room at the Table" Training.</p> <p>Training: They plan to review the training plan document developed by MHA. Currently they are developing a grid to crosswalk vocabulary from the various agencies.</p> <p>Evaluation: They continue to look at information available about the implementation of services and how to evaluate the impact of mental health services. They plan to develop a proposal about what can be done to evaluate on a regular basis. They are also interested in increasing interagency communication. Don will send everyone information from DMA's web site about the number of kids in various placements. Agency web sites are a source of a lot of information about children in North Carolina.</p>	
(5) State Plan Update DMH/DD/SAS Reorganization Update and Discussion	<p>There was a lot of discussion about the meaning of the state plan and how it will be interpreted by people at the local level, especially participants in the Community Collaboratives who represent other agencies. Some issues were clarified. Even though CTSP will no longer be a separate funding stream, there are still plenty of funds to serve these high needs children. They are the high priority group in the mental health definitions. The State Plan requires that the local business plans have community collaboratives and use them. The state will monitor for compliance with the best practice model which includes having a community collaborative.</p> <p>The issue of collapsing multiple community collaboratives was discussed briefly. The state collaborative should actively encourage the collapsing of these groups.</p> <p>Dr. Visingardi has directed that a new policy be written which allows much more flexibility of state mental health funds so that wrap around services can be provided in childrens' homes, foster homes, and staff enhancement can be provided in level 2 group homes. This policy will give much more flexibility to use funds to meet the needs of children at the local level. Dr. Visingardi is</p>	

	also requiring that state residential facilities in the state coordinate their services.	
(6) Comprehensive Management of Sexually Aggressive Youth Virginia Pirrello	<p>DJJDP has a planning grant, Comprehensive Management of Sexually Aggressive Youth in the Community. This year they are trying to find out what is available in North Carolina and what is working. Then they will make a plan. There is an implementation grant which will follow. They have found that services in the communities are very uneven across the state. There is no comprehensive continuum of services. 160 of 600 children in the Youth Development Centers are there for sex offenses. The grant committee is developing a system map that shows ways kids get into the Juvenile Justice System currently. The map also shows assessments and ways to get into therapy. This map will be helpful to all agencies.</p>	

(7) Other Business	<p>Diann Irwin reported about DPI's reorganization. A fourth area was created within the department and the Exceptional Children Division will be in that area. Dr. Zoe Locklear will be the Associate Superintendent in charge of Leadership Development and Special Services. A discussion of the impact of No Child Left Behind legislation and trends in the IDEA reauthorization followed.</p>	
(8) Next Meeting	<p>August 23, 2002 is the next large State Collaborative meeting and it will be at the Governors Crime Commission. The small core group Collaborative meeting will be the 2nd Friday of each month and the Big Collaborative meeting will be the 4th Friday of each month. No meetings will take place on any 5th Fridays. Committee meetings will continue randomly as needed, however the 1st and 3rd Fridays are standing dates unless changed by the committees.</p>	